

Decision for DOI-BLM-NM-P010-2015-0096-DNA

The proposed decision is in conformance with the Roswell Resource Management Plan, as amended, and was analyzed in NM-512-2006-023-EA, October 2006. The total area to be burned is 40 acres. The prescribed fire will be conducted on public land for vegetation management. The burn project will be done by the allottee. The surface protection procedures set forth in the proposed action have been incorporated into the Determination of NEPA Adequacy.

Rationale for Recommendations: The decision to authorize the proposed action does not result in any undue or unnecessary environmental degradation. The action is consistent with planned actions presented in the Management Framework Plan Amendment/Environmental Impact Statement on Rangeland Management in the Roswell Resource Area (1984), and the Roswell Resource Area Resource Management Plan (Draft, 1994), the Roswell Resource Area Resource Management Plan (Final, 1997) and the Roswell Resource Plan Amendment.

In accordance with 43 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 4100, Sec 4160.2 any applicant, permittee, lessee or other affected interests may protest this proposed decision in person or in writing to the authorized officer, within 15 days after receipt of this decision. Please be specific in your points of protest.

In the absence of a protest, this proposed decision will become the final decision without further notice. Any person who is adversely affected by a final decision of the authorized officer may file a written appeal to the Final Decision for the purpose of a hearing before an administrative law judge under 43 CFR 4.470. A period of 30 days after the decision becomes final is provided in which to file an appeal and a petition for stay of the decision in this office (43 CFR §§4160.3 [c] and §§4160.4).



Kyle S. Arnold
Assistant Field Manager
Resources

Date

Worksheet
Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA)
U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management

OFFICE: Roswell Field Office

TRACKING NUMBER: DOI-BLM-NM-P010-2015-0096-DNA

CASEFILE/PROJECT NUMBER: 63048

PROPOSED ACTION TITLE/TYPE: Corn Salt Creek Prescribed Fire

LOCATION/LEGAL DESCRIPTION: T8S R20E Sec 21 NMPM, Chaves County, New Mexico

APPLICANT (if any): Allottee of Allotment 63048

A. Description of the Proposed Action and any applicable mitigation measures

The proposed action calls for the reduction of hazardous fuels in areas of significant concentration and buildup through prescribed fire and vegetative management. Remove decadent grass by 50-80% to reduce the threat of wildfires and improve the watershed (see attached maps).

B. Land Use Plan Conformance

**List applicable LUPs (for example, resource management plans; activity, project, management, or program plans; or applicable amendments thereto)*

LUP Name: *Roswell Resource Management Plan*, **Date Approved:** October 1997

LUP Name: *New Mexico Standards for Rangeland Health & Guidelines for Livestock Grazing Management*, **Date Approved:** January 2001

Other documents: *Federal Land Use Policy and Management Act of 1976* (43 U.S.C. 1700 et seq.); the *Clean Water Act* (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq), as amended; the *Endangered Species Act* (16 U.S.C. 1535 et seq), as amended; the *Public Rangelands Improvement Act of 1978* (43 U.S.C. 1901 et seq); *Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management*; *Executive Order 11990, Protection of Wetlands*; and *Executive Order 13112, Invasive Species*; The United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management Record of Decision, *Vegetation Treatment on BLM Lands in Thirteen Western States, New Mexico and Oklahoma* (July, 1991).

Other document: NM-512-2006-023-EA, Date Approved: 10-24-2006

The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUPs, even though it is not specifically provided for, because it is clearly consistent with the following LUP decisions:

Livestock Grazing Management, p. 31: "Rangeland improvements and vegetation treatments will continue to be implemented to improve or maintain forage productions and range condition, in an effort to achieve the Desired Plant Community." And Appendix 8: Decisions from Previous Planning Documents which are carried forward.

C. Identify applicable National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documents and other related documents that cover the proposed action. List by name and date all applicable NEPA documents

that cover the proposed action.

NM-512-2006-023-EA, Date Approved: 10-24-2006

D. NEPA Adequacy Criteria

1. Is the new proposed action a feature of, or essentially similar to, an alternative analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)? Is the project within the same analysis area, or if the project location is different, are the geographic and resource conditions sufficiently similar to those analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)? If there are differences, can you explain why they are not substantial? Documentation of answer and explanation:

Yes. The current Proposed Action was analyzed in the above mentioned Environmental Assessment (EA). The proposed action is the same action analyzed in the existing NEPA document. The new burn area will substantially serve the same purpose, differing only in location.

2. Is the range of alternatives analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s) appropriate with respect to the new proposed action, given current environmental concerns, interests, and resource values? Documentation of answer and explanation:

Yes. The existing NEPA documents analyzed the proposed action as well as a reasonable range of alternatives. The EA was reviewed by identified public interests and no conflicts or concerns were identified. The same applies to the current proposed action given current concerns, interests, and resource values.

3. Is the existing analysis valid in light of any new information or circumstances (such as, rangeland health standard assessment, recent endangered species listings, updated lists of BLM-sensitive species)? Can you reasonably conclude that new information and new circumstances would not substantially change the analysis of the new proposed action? Documentation of answer and explanation:

Yes. The proposed action is the same as the proposed action as analyzed in the EA. The EA was recently completed and there is no new information or circumstances in regard to this allotment which would warrant further analysis.

4. Are the direct, indirect, and cumulative effects that would result from implementation of the new proposed action similar (both quantitatively and qualitatively) to those analyzed in the existing NEPA document? Documentation of answer and explanation:

Yes, the direct, indirect and cumulative effects would be the same as stated in the existing NEPA document. The effects would not be changed considering the proposed action is the same as the proposed action as analyzed in the EA, along with no change in management.

5. Are the public involvement and interagency review associated with existing NEPA document(s) adequate for the current proposed action? Documentation of answer and explanation:

Yes. Preparation of the EIS for the 1997 Roswell RMP included full participation of the public and government agencies consistency review. The 2006 EA was prepared based on scoping and review from the public and other agencies.

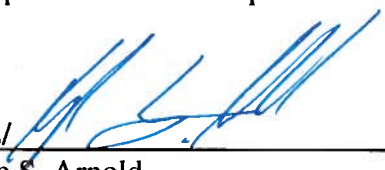
E. Persons/Agencies/BLM Staff Consulted

NAME	TITLE	AGENCY REPRESENTED
Emily Metcalf	Rangeland Management Specialist	BLM
Michael McGee	Hydrologist	BLM
Laura Hronec	Archaeologist	BLM
Dan Baggao	Wildlife Biologist	BLM
Mike Bilbo	Cave & VRM Specialist	BLM
Glen Garnand	Planning & Environmental Coordinator	BLM
Chris Bolen	Geologist	BLM

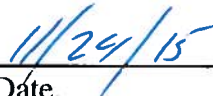
Note: Refer to the EA/EIS for a complete list of the team members participating in the preparation of the existing environmental analysis or planning documents.

Conclusion

Based on the review documented above, I conclude that this proposal conforms to the applicable land use plan and that the existing NEPA documentation fully covers the proposed action. This constitutes BLM's compliance with the requirement of NEPA.

/s/ 

Kyle S. Arnold
Assistant Field Manager
Resources



Date

EXHIBIT NO. _____

Date of Issue:



Bureau of Land Management, Roswell Field Office
2909 W Second Street Roswell, NM 88201

11/12/2015

Cultural and Archaeological Resources

BLM Report No.

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

N/A

Historic properties in the vicinity of this project are protected by federal law. In order to ensure that they are not damaged or destroyed by construction activities, the project proponent and construction supervisors shall ensure that the following stipulations are implemented.

Project Name:	
	1. <u>A 3-day preconstruction call-in notification.</u> Contact BLM Inspection and Enforcement at
	2. <u>Professional archaeological monitoring.</u> Contact your project archaeologist, or BLM's Cultural Resources Section at (575) 627-0221 for assistance.
A. <input type="checkbox"/>	These stipulations must be given to your monitor at least 5 days prior to the start of construction.
B. <input type="checkbox"/>	No construction, including vegetation removal or other site prep may begin prior to the arrival of the monitor.
	3. <u>Cultural site barrier fencing.</u> (Your monitor will assist you).
A. <input type="checkbox"/>	A temporary site protection barrier(s) shall be erected prior to all ground-disturbing activities. The minimum barrier(s) shall consist of upright wooden survey lath spaced no more than ten (10) feet apart and marked with blue ribbon flagging or blue paint. There shall be no construction activities or vehicular traffic past the barrier(s) at any time.
B. <input type="checkbox"/>	A permanent, 4-strand barbed wire fence strung on standard "T-posts" shall be erected prior to all ground-disturbing activities. No construction activities or vehicle traffic are allowed past the fence.
	4. <u>The archaeological monitor shall:</u>
A. <input type="checkbox"/>	Ensure that all site protection barriers are located as indicated on the attached map(s).
B. <input type="checkbox"/>	Observe all ground-disturbing activities within 100 feet of cultural site no. LA as shown on the attached map.
C. <input type="checkbox"/>	Ensure that all reroutes are adhered to avoid cultural site no.(s) LA
D. <input type="checkbox"/>	Ensure the proposed _____ is/are located as shown on the attached map(s).
E. <input type="checkbox"/>	Submit a brief monitoring report within 30 days of completion of monitoring.
	5. <u>Other:</u>
A. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Prior to any ground disturbing activities, a class III archaeological inventory must be conducted by a qualified and permitted archaeologist approved by the Authorized Officer.
Other:	

Site Protection and Employee Education: It is the responsibility of the project proponent and his construction supervisor to inform all employees and subcontractors that cultural and archaeological sites are to be avoided by all personnel, vehicles, and equipment; and that it is illegal to collect, damage, or disturb cultural resources on Public Lands.

For assistance, contact
BLM Cultural Resources:

Laura Hronec (575) 627-0221

